### Our Beligious Column.

THE UNBOLTED DOOR.

mirth:
Six children once had sported there; but now the churchyard snow
Fell softly on new little graves that were not, hon-

She atourned them all with patient love; but, once, her eyes had shed

For hitterer tears than those which deved the face of the dead;

The child which had been spared to her, her danton and her pride.

The world mother lived to wish that she had all died.

Those little ones beneath the snow, not here, her gone before, Faith taught her all was well with them, and then But, when she thought where Katie was, she saw The painted mask of bitter joy which Need gives Sin to west.

Without, the snow was thick and white, no step had failen there;
Within, she sai beside the dre, each thought a silent When sublenly, behind her seat, inwonted to be she heard.

As though a hesitating hand the rustic latch had stirred.

THYWARE, TIN EcosylNo and Gattering, many stirred.

She turned, and there the wanderer shood, with snow takes in her hair - A faded woman, wild and worn, the ghost of some-

"Can teed and you forgive me all for I have em-ard," she sant. The widow dropped upon her kneed before the fad

They spoke about those bittle graves and things of

"By child?" He walow said, and anded a stude of love and pass. "Hept it so, lest you should come and turn swas fre waited for you all the while a mother's love Tet it is but the shadowy type of the who shed but

### A WISE CHOICE.

The American Baptist tells the fol lowing good stery, which we commend to our young temale readers, and male-

"Where did you first meet with your bride?" I said to a young friend of mine, who had invited me to he wad-

His reply was: A year ago I was one of a large dinner party of ladies lex and gentlemen, at which a young lady is was noticed not to drink any wine.

Our host observed it, and said : "A glass of wine with you, miss?" "Excuse me, sir," said she.

"What excuse! Are you a tectotaler? What have we a tectotaler here? Ruin Your Eyesight. Ha! ha! a teetotaler? Why, do you never drink wine?" "Nover, sir."

"Why not?" "From principle, sir.

"Nothing more was said. Her deme. I sought an introduction to her, satisfied that one of such principles would make me a good companion. I became a teetotaler myself, and now she has just become my wife. That's why I married her."

Our friend was right. Such a young me lady will make a fine woman. Would there were more like her.

Why is it, Christian parents, that

you sit in the assembly of the saintwithout the companion-hip of your ebildren? Why is it not said of you. Christian father, as it was said of another, "He rejoiced, believing with all his bouse?" Why is it that those who oit most prominently in the seat of the scorner, the vaine-t of the vain. are often those who have gone forthfrom so-called Christian homes? Alas! for you, if the answer is, that you have not governed your household in the fear of God; and thus at once have wronged your children and dishonored Tin, Sheet Iron, & Copper Ware your Lord. No wonder if you have lost your influence as Christians, if the world is pointing the tinger of scorn HAS for sale all kinds of high, medium and low scale stores of all kinds and makes, among to your family, and if your consciousnese that the reproach is merited bring a blush to your cheeks and a pang to your heart. And what must your children think of you, who say that you are living for God and heaven, and yet are base enough to train them for the devil and the world?

To know that Christ is thus for upressing on my sin-stained soul, and land is Main Street, opposite City Hotel. there was none other who could or would help, then He stretched out his arm and grasped me with His strong hand, and brought me to Himself. When we know that He is thus absolutely for us, and has not merely done us a passing kindness, but holds us in the embrace of His love, then, and not till then, we are His, and His for ever.

Another child, replying to the question, "What is a prophet?" said, with a knowing look, "Why, it's wot yer gets over when yer sells any think," To the query, "Why did Jairus rejoice when his daughter was raised from the dead?" one little fellow, scratching his head, replied, " 'Cos it didn't cost him so think for the funeral." It is evident that these children of the streets look et every thing from the £ s. d. point of

### BORN BLIND.

"How long have you been a child of Ged?" was the question asked of one who humbly but unhesitatingly con-

fessed Christ. "I am persuaded," was the reply, "that I was born again six years ago; but I was born blind, and did not know and. my place in the family of God till it six weeks ago."

TRUST. Twe boys were conversing about Elijah's ascent in the chariot of fire. Said one, "would you not be afraid to pide in such a chariot?" "No," was the reply, "not if God drove." Might Dwelling to Commercial

not many old Christians learn a lesson of faith from the above? Move faith makes the sinner humble,

active and self-denying; false faith leaves men proud, inselent and selfish. Delays of mercy are not to be undrestood as denials of prayer. At the end it shall speak.

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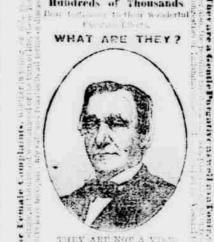


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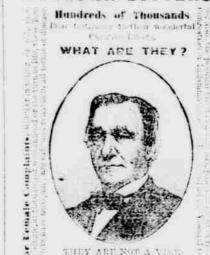
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